1979 No. 276

FIREARMS

Firearms (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made	*1st August* 1979
Coming into operation	*27th August* 1979
To be laid before Parliament	

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of sections 22, 23, 28 and 49 of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(a), hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Firearms (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 27th August 1979.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations "the Act" means the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969.

Application for firearm certificate

3. An application under section 22 or, as the case may be, section 24(2) of the Act for the grant, renewal or variation of a firearm certificate shall be in the form set out in Part I of the Schedule, and shall furnish the particulars prescribed in that form.

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), an application for:—

(*a*) the grant of a firearm certificate, or

(*b*) the variation or renewal of a firearm certificate where that firearm certificate does not have affixed to it a photograph of the applicant, or

(*c*) the renewal of a firearm certificate where that firearm certificate has been renewed twice since a photograph was affixed to it,

shall be accompanied by two recent photographs of the applicant which comply with the requirements set out in paragraph (2).

(2) The photographs to be furnished in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be:—

(*a*) taken full face, without a hat,

(*b*) not more than 63 mm by 50 mm (2½ inches by 2 inches) or less than 50 mm by 38 mm (2 inches by 1½ inches) in size,

(*c*) printed on normal thin photographic paper, be unglazed on the back and unmounted, and

(*d*) endorsed on the reverse side by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary with the words—

"I verify this is a true likeness of (full name of person)" to which statement he shall add his normal signature and the date.

(a) 1969 c. 12 (N.I.) as modified by S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541)

(3) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an applicant for a firearm certificate who is resident in a country outside the United Kingdom and who has elected, in pursuance of section 23(3B) of the Act to have section 23(3A) of the Act apply to him.

Firearm certificates

5. Firearm certificates shall be in the form set out in Part II of the Schedule.

6. Every person selling, letting on hire, giving or lending a firearm or ammunition to the holder of any firearm certificate shall complete the Table of the firearm certificate and shall comply with the instructions set out therein.

Application for registration as a firearms dealer

7. An application under section 28(3) or, as the case may be, section 28(5)(*b*) of the Act to be registered as a firearms dealer, or to renew such registration, shall be in the form set out in Part III of the Schedule and shall furnish the particulars prescribed in that form.

The register of firearms dealers

8. The register of firearms dealers to be kept by the Chief Constable by virtue of section 28(1) of the Act shall be in the form set out in Part IV of the Schedule.

Register of transactions

9. Any person registered as a firearms dealer shall keep a register of transactions in the form set out in Part V of the Schedule and shall comply with the instructions to dealers set out therein.

Revocation

10. The Firearm Certificates and Permits (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**b**), the Firearms (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**c**), the Firearms (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**d**) and the Firearm Certificates and Permits (Prescribed Forms) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**e**) are hereby revoked.

Humphrey Atkins
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
1st August 1979

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 191 (I, p. 1002)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 473 (II, p. 2763)
(d) S.R. 1975 No. 254 (II, p. 1194)
(e) S.R. 1975 No. 255 (II, p. 1195)

SCHEDULE Regulation 3

PART I

Form of Application for the grant, renewal or variation of a Firearm Certificate

Certificate No.....

APPLICATION FOR *GRANT/VARIATION/RENEWAL OF FIREARM CERTIFICATE

**Delete as applicable*

WARNING: It is an offence for any person to make any statements which he knows to be false for the purpose of procuring the grant, variation or renewal of a firearm certificate.

Surname..... Christian Name(s).....

If married woman give maiden name.....

Postal Address .....

Date and Place of Birth.....

Occupation.....

Nationality .....

Previous Addresses.....
(during last 10 years)

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ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH YOU ALREADY POSSESS

(if none, write 'none')

Type of firearm	*Make and calibre of firearm*	*Serial number of firearm*	*Type and quantity of ammunition*

ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH YOU WISH TO ACQUIRE

Type of firearm	*Make and calibre of firearm*	*Serial number of firearm (this to be inserted if known)*	*Type and quantity of ammunition*

ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH YOU INTEND TO RELINQUISH

Type of firearm	*Make and calibre of firearm*	*Serial number of firearm*	*Type and quantity of ammunition*

Have you previously applied for a firearm certificate or permit?.....

Was a certificate or permit granted?
If 'Yes', attach it to this form.
Give date and place of issue.

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Have you been found guilty of, or convicted of any offence? (Include instances where you were found guilty of an offence, or convicted, resulting in a suspended sentence, a probation order, or an order for conditional discharge, as well as those resulting in a fine or imprisonment.)
If 'Yes' give details.

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N.B.—By virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979, details of all convictions including spent convictions must be given.

Do you suffer from epilepsy or from sudden attacks of disabling giddiness or fainting?

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If not, write 'No'.

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Do you suffer from any mental illness?

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If so, give details. If not, write 'No'.

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Do you suffer from any other disease or disability which might make the possession by you of a firearm dangerous to the public?

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If not, write 'No'.

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Reasons for requiring the firearms and ammunition specified. (*On a renewal application, reasons for the necessity for continued possession should be specified*).

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Where will each of the firearms be used?

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Where will each of the firearms and the ammunition be kept when not in use and what arrangements have been made for their safe custody? .....

I hereby make application as above and declare that the information given by me is correct.

*I elect to have section 23(2)/(3A) (delete as appropriate) of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 apply to me.

Signature of Applicant: ..... Date: .....

INSTRUCTIONS

Except where the application is made by a person who is resident in a country outside the United Kingdom and who has elected to have section 23(3A) of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 apply to him each application for the grant of a firearm certificate must be accompanied by 2 recent photographs of the applicant.

When application is being made for the renewal of a firearm certificate where the current certificate has been renewed twice or where the current certificate does not already have a photograph affixed to it the application must be accompanied by 2 recent photographs of the applicant.

The photographs should be full face without a hat. They should not be larger than 63 mm by 50 mm (2½ inches by 2 inches) or smaller than 50 mm by 38 mm (2 inches by 1½ inches). They should be on normal thin photographic paper, be unglazed on the back, unmounted and should be endorsed on the reverse side by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary with the words "I verify this is a true likeness of (*name of person*)" followed by his normal signature and the date.

*To be completed only by applicants who are resident in countries outside the United Kingdom.